

NEWS & ALERTS FROM THE SMART GRID INTEROPERABILITY PANEL (SGIP)

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SGIP Honored at GridWeek

At this week's annual GridWeek conference, the GridWeek Advisory Board recognized the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) and all of its participants "for significant achievements in 'Taming Smart Grid Complexity' in the pursuit of an interoperable grid." During today's plenary session, conference participants who have been part of the SGIP effort were called to the stage, where they each received a button honoring them as a "GridWeek Transformer."



Twenty-five SGIP participants took the stage to accept, on behalf of the SGIP, the GridWeek Award for Taming Smart Grid Complexity. (Photo Credit: GridWeek 2012)

In its recognition statement, the GridWeek Advisory Board wrote, "By definition, Smart Grid is complex. SGIP has demonstrated that through collaboration and hard work, complexity can

be conquered to achieve results and significant industry progress. Established by the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in November of 2009, SGIP has worked tirelessly to engage stakeholders from the entire Smart Grid Community in a participatory public process to identify applicable standards, gaps in currently available standards, and priorities for new standardization activities."

The SGIP is well represented this week at GridWeek events, with a number of SGIP leaders playing roles as speakers, panelists, and session leaders. George Bjelovuk, Secretary of the SGIP Governing Board, who served as the leader for a session titled "Nurturing the Smart Grid Ecosystem," was one of the many SGIP participants who assembled on the stage for the ceremony.

Bjelovuk said, "It's a real honor for the SGIP and its individual participants to be singled out for this recognition. With the strong support of NIST, we've accomplished a great deal in the past three years. As we transition to an industry-led, non-profit organization in the months ahead, it's more important than ever that we have the recognition, support, and active participation of the Smart Grid industry."

Earlier during that same plenary session, Shyam Sunder, Director of the Engineering Laboratory at NIST, gave a keynote address on "Managing Complexity." Speaking on behalf of NIST and Under Secretary Patrick Gallagher, he said, "We're very proud of what the SGIP has accomplished by systematically working through some very complex standards issues." In his talk, Sunder highlighted many of SGIP's accomplishments, from the Catalog of Standards and the Priority Action Plan process to the work of the CyberSecurity Working Group and the recently established Implementation Methods Working Group.

More information about the GridWeek recognition is available online (<http://www.gridweek.com/2012/#sgip>).

***Congratulations to all SGIP Members on this honor
and thank you for your dedication and hard work!***

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING MEETINGS

Oct. 18: SGIP Governing Board Meeting, Virtual, 1pm Eastern
(<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/719926258>)

Oct. 26: SGIP Plenary Meeting, Virtual, 1pm Eastern (<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/444978162>).
Mandatory attendance for Participating Member organizations.

Dec. 3-6: SGIP Winter 2012 Face-to-Face Conference co-located at Grid-Interop, Irving TX (<http://www.grid-interop.com/2012/>)

Dec. 7: Smart Grid International Cooperation: Korea and United States, Irving TX
(<https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGICKorea>)

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